(b) and (c) Only July 11, 2001 the Ministry of Power has circulated a Captive Power Policy prepared in consultation with the CEA to all the State Governments and Union Territories in which it has been suggested that units in Special Economic Zones and industries/entities may be allowed to set up captive power plants liberally.

Substantial allocation for accelerated power development programme in the tenth five year plan

721. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Ministry has sought for a substantial allocation of resources under the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor;

(c) the number of distribution circles currently funded by APDP for undertaking improvement in the distribution system;

(d) whether any feedback has been received from these centres as to the results achieved in terms of loss reduction and* other aspects of distribution reforms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) An allocation of Rs. 1000 crores and Rs. 1500 crores had been made in the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 repectively under the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP). This is being utilized *inter-alia* for upgradation of the sub-transmission & distribution systems in 63 electricity distribution circles in various States in the country. It is proposed to seek substantial enhancement of the allocation under the APDP in the Tenth Five Year Plan to cover all the electricity distribution circles in the country in order to reduce theT&D losses and improve the quality & reliability of power supply for the power utilities to achieve commercial viability. Given the fact that 75-80% of the total T&D losses and almost the entire commercial loss takes place at the distribution stage, the focus under APDP is on improvement of the distribution system apart from maximization of customer satisfaction.

(c) 63 Distribution Circles are currently being funded under APDP for undertaking improvement in the distribution system.

(d) and (e) The Schemes are at various stages of implementation and in the initial phase the emphasis is on improvement of metering and power factor correction etc. to enable proper monitoring and segregation of the technical and commercial losses. Once the schemes are fully implemented, independent verification and assessment of the achievements in terms of loss reduction, revenue increase and other aspects of distribution reforms will be carried out.

Koel-Karo Hydro Electric Project of NHPC at Ranchi

722. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of execution of the Koel-Karo Hydro Electric Project of NHPC near Ranchi;

(b) whether there is delay in execution and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) when the project was started;

(d) the capacity and present cost of the project;

(e) whether there is any peak hours shortfall of energy in eastern region at present; and

(f) if so, how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Koel-Karo HE Project (710 MW) in Bihar (now in the State of Jharkhand) was originally approved in June, 1981 at an estimated cost of Rs. 444.67 crores at March 1980 price level. However, no major work co_uld be started due to resistance from the local people to the acquisition of land. In August, 1984 a writ petition was filed in the Supreme Court of India demanding *inter alia* the scheme for rehabilitation of the displaced persons. On submission of the R&R package, the stay was vacated on 6.2.1989, and the Court directed that the rehabilitation plan must be implemented and the compensation must be paid. Government of India, approved the revised cost estimate for the project amounting to Rs. 1338.81 crores in November, 1991. The project, however, could not take off on account of financial constraints and Rehabilitation & Resettlement issues.